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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF APRIL 23, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 23, 2003 having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire July 23, 2003, and for which a Request for Extension of Time along with the appropriate fee is filed concurrently herewith, kindly enter the following response:

It is noted that claims which are not drawn to the elected invention are added herein, as the instant response also contains a request for rejoining under Ochiai.